

BUBBENHALL PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Bubbenhall Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 14 May 2019 in the Village Hall, Bubbenhall.

Present: Cllr Jan Lucas Chair of the Parish Council
Cllr Bob Powell
Cllr Joanne Shattock
Cllr Win Nwachukwu

In attendance: PCSO Sharron Underwood
Cllr Pam Redford Warwickshire District Council
Mr Doug Evans Parish Clerk

Four members of the public present.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Sam Baker, Cllr Wallace Redford (WCC) and Cllr Trevor Wright (WDC).

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

None received.

3. MEMBERSHIP

i. To consider the appointment of Win Nwachukwu as a Co-opted Councillor

The Chair proposed the appointment of Win Nwachukwu as Co-opted Councillor. This was seconded by Cllr Powell and approved unanimously.

ii. Update on other potential candidates to fill councillor vacancies

The Chair reported that he had spoken to some members of the community but had been unsuccessful in getting them to consider joining the Council. The vacancies had been advertised on the Council's Facebook page but there had been no responses. Cllr Redford felt that suitable candidates could be sought from up to a 2-mile radius from the village but would confirm this.

4. WW1 and WW2 memorial on village green

Pete Wilkins, a village resident, gave Councillors a brief presentation on his idea to erect a memorial on the village green to commemorate the fallen villagers from the two World Wars. After discussion, it was agreed that Pete and his group would come up with some designs for memorials and estimates of costs, along with possible funding streams, before presenting to the Council again for further discussion.

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING ON 05 March 2019

These were confirmed and signed, subject to removal of the first sentence of minute 13.

6. MATTERS ARISING AND UPDATES

i. Spout/oak tree and pipe/drainage issues

The Clerk reported that he had finally received the report from Gavin Callard, the Arboriculturist, and this had been circulated by the Chair. One of the main items in the report explained how it would not be advisable to carve the tree as it was hollow and could also be a wildlife habitat. It was agreed that this would be fed back to the village residents and the Chair agreed to discuss the findings with Tony Sproul. The Clerk agreed to speak with Tony with regards to the required pointing work on the granite stones and the situation with the trough.

The Clerk reported that an emergency repair had been carried out on the bus shelter roof by Johnson Bros (Coventry) Ltd. Cllrs approved payment of the £102 invoice for this work.

Cllr Powell confirmed that the loose kerbstone in the village had been repaired by WCC.

ii. Village Hall CCTV

PCSO Underwood reported that Emily Naismith had returned to work from sick leave and the Chair agreed to contact her.

iii. Next village litter pick – suggested date of 05 October 2019

Councillors agreed that the next litter pick would take place on the suggested date of 05 October.

7. POLICE REPORT

PCSO Underwood tabled a crime incident report and gave a comprehensive overview of its contents. In response to a question, she confirmed that recent attempted aggravated robbery had been omitted from the report, in error, but she gave an update on investigations into the incident. PCSO Underwood also reported the good news that a further 150 Police Officers had been taken on and the force would be back at full strength by the end of the year.

8. FINANCE

i. Financial reports and payment schedule

The following payments detailed in the payment schedule were authorised, after being proposed by the Chair and seconded by Cllr Powell.

Chris Goddard	£64.00
Jan Lucas	£95.40
Heritage & Sons	£312.00
Doug Evans	£353.75
A D R Sproul	£70.00
Alpha Power Cleaning	£140.00

9. ADMINISTRATION

There was nothing to report on this item.

10. HIGHWAYS UPDATE

i. Update on HGVs and buses using local lanes

This remained an issue and the list compiled and circulated by the Chair had also been sent to Cllr Wallace Redford who had passed it to the Highways Department. Buses using the wrong routes was an increasing problem and, although the Clerk confirmed that he had written to the bus company concerned, no response had been received. The Clerk agreed to contact the company again to try and arrange a meeting to reiterate the routes that should be used. Cllr Redford also agreed to discuss this with Wallace.

Cllr Powell reported that some road repairs had been carried out but some remained outstanding. New pavements had been laid in Moat Close with further ones to be done on the Ryton Road.

The speed gun had been repaired and calibrated and the next Speed Watch session would be taking place on 22 May.

Cllr Powell reported that the PCC Road Safety fund grant opportunity would, unfortunately, not be suitable for such items as signage and other speed reduction suggestions as it was aimed more at the funding of educating on the dangers of speeding and improving behaviour.

Village residents were still concerned about speeding and painted '30' road marking and speed humps were suggestions made. It was explained that speed humps were generally only installed in '20' zones and they were very expensive. Concerns on speeding would be passed to Cllr Wallace Redford.

11. BUSINESS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There was nothing to report on this item.

12. PLANNING

It was reported that the decision to refuse planning permission at Rivendell, Stoneleigh Road, Bubbenhall, CV8 3BT had been appealed. It was agreed to not withdraw any previously submitted objection by the Parish Council. The Chair added that an application for a 'permitted development' at the same property had been submitted in relation to the outbuildings element of the original application.

13. YOUTH SPACE AND RECREATION GROUND

i. Update

There was nothing to report on this item as Cllr Baker had tendered her apologies for the meeting.

ii. Quotations for work on multi-play unit

The various quotations for the work were discussed and it was agreed to use TCL Group for the work, based on their price of £2229.60 excluding vat. This would be discussed with Cllr Baker as she was responsible for the youth space and recreation ground. The Clerk agreed to discuss the work with TCL Group as some elements would be undertaken by Chris Goddard to reduce the costs.

14. REPORTS FROM MEETINGS ATTENDED

There was nothing to report on this item.

15. PARISH MATTERS AND ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA OF THE NEXT MEETING

Cllr Powell tendered his apologies for the next meeting in June and Cllr Shattock tendered hers for the Parish Assembly on 21 May.

It was felt that the dog fouling signs had made a difference in the village, although bags were being left in local lanes.

It was reported that lots of waste was falling from the vans collecting recycling. Cllr Redford commented that this issue had been raised at other villages. There was often an improvement for a while after it was reported to contractors but then the situation would worsen after a while.

16. CORRESPONDENCE NOT DEALT WITH IN OTHER ITEMS

There was nothing to report on this item.

Date of next meeting – 18 June 2019